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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT:VISIT TO IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

1. WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING SHORTLY THAT I PLAN TO VISIT TEHRAN, KABUL, ISLAMABAD, FRANCE AND HOLLAND DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 11. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I CAREFULLY CONSIDERED SUGGESTING A STOP IN NEW DELHI AFTER ISLAMABAD, BUT HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO EXTEND MY TRIP ANY FURTHER. IF IN YOUR JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN MITIGATING ANY INDIAN UNHAPPINESS THAT I AM NOT ALSO VISITING NEW DELHI, YOU MAY CONVEY ORALLY THE FOLLOWING TO CHAVAN FROM ME.

2. I WANT THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO KNOW BEFORE IT IS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT I AM GOING TO TEHRAN FOR A MEETING OF THE IRANIAN-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION AND WILL BE THERE FOR TWO DAYS, AUGUST 6-7. I AM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BEING IN THE AREA TO MAKE VERY BRIEF STOPS IN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST AND ALSO ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THESE COUNTRIES TO EACH OTHER. I CONSIDERED SUGGESTING THAT I MIGHT CONTINUE
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I HAVE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS
REQUIRES THAT I FOREGO THE OPPORTUNITY AND RETURN DIRECTLY

TO EUROPE FROM ISLAMABAD AND FROM THERE ON BACK TO
WASHINGTON. I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO VISIT NEW DELHI
AT THIS TIME AND SEND MY WARM PERSONAL REGARDS TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTER.

∴ FYI: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT WILL BE MADE AT NOON PRESS
BRIEFING JULY 30. END FYI. KISSINGER

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